

**WANTED!**

The fishing party of gentlemen which went from this city last week to Brown's Cut-off, on Pearl River, 30 miles above here, encountered more startling experiences than they dreamed of when they left. The cut-off is in the shape of a half circle, and is thought to have been at one time a part of the channel of the river. It is about one and a half miles long, about 100 yards wide, and its two ends are within 200 yards of the present channel of the river. Within the limits of this half-circle and be-

yards wide and its two ends are within 20 yards of the present channel of the river. Within the limits of this half-circle and be-

This almost impenetrable swamp is five miles from the nearest settlement, and rarely, if ever, visited. The hunters had to cut a narrow track made upon its soil, until the gentlemen composing the fishing party set out to explore the jungles during their visit to the cut-off lake week. When they had about satisfied their interest to ramble in the depths of the swamp, they sat down at the roots of a spreading beech tree, where they made a discovery which suddenly dispelled all feelings of weariness. Learning upon the roots of the tree and half covered by the soil and rotted leaves they found a rusted metal, which may have been the remains of their investigation further they found, near where the gun lay, the skeleton of a man, the rotted remains of a leather belt, cartridge-bag,

and Knapsack, a pair of leather boots still upon the feet of the man, and a pair of trousers. The buttons still partially hanging to what was decided to have been the uniform of a United States soldier. Upon the buttons were stamped the American eagle and the letters "U. S. A." The trousers, but, were of a different material, were two leather, Florida, each containing a large army pistol. Upon the brass plates of the belt and cartridge-box were the same letters "U. S." Within the cartridge-box were numbers of cartridges and a quantity of musket balls. The cap-bow was a small leather box articles of still greater interest were found. In the cap-bow was a Masonic badge (square and compass), a silver watch, a small plain gold ring, a lock of golden hair and the faded remains of a piece of manuscript, which was a page of a letter. On the inside of the watch-case was scratched in rude letters "R. Steneman, Co. A, 13<sup>th</sup> U. S. Regt., and on the inside of the ring, "From Mary." Upon the

dark of the tree, near the roots, were cut the bones of a man and a woman. The skeleton was doubtless that of a Union soldier and all are now settled in the belief that the unfortunate man died either from starvation or disease during the war. How he came to wander in this dense swamp no one can explain. The only conjecture that is becoming attached from the main army and wandered there to prevent his capture.

So absorbed became the gentlemen in the ghastly find that all else was forgotten, and the preparations for the bones of the unfortunate man and woman were neglected. They were determined to return home, determined to spare no effort to discover the family and friends of the poor man who perished in the trackless forest. The gun and other articles were left behind, and the gentlemen in possession of Mr. Thomas Wharton, at the post office, where they can be seen by those curious to inspect them.

**Veteran Drummer Dead.**  
 Maj. Daniel Simpson, the veteran drummer of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for 66 years, died at South Boston, Mass. last week, at the age of 93. Maj. Simpson was quite a local celebrity in his way and he wielded the drumsticks on many memorable occasions. He was 85 years of age when he joined the company in 1808, and he was still drumming in the war of 1812. His first appearance as a drummer was at a muster in 1790. In 1812 he was with the New England Guards when he started for Marblehead to defend the coast, as he was the only drummer at the Breed street parade of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company until within the past few years, and as a testimonial to his long and faithful service his coat sleeve was decorated with 16 stripes, representing 50 years of service. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company until he was 80 years of age, when he was discharged. He was the last drummer used by John Robbins at the battle of Bunker's Hill.

Bunker Hill and a short time ago he presented this to the Bostonian Society. He came of good Revolutionary stock, for his paternal grandfather was a pipemaker in Lexington a generation before the war, and his father, a distinguished himself by capturing a British soldier on the famous retreat from Concord, and also was present at the battle of Bunker Hill. The Major in an extraordinary circumstance, and his four children are numbered into the best Boston families.

**Ben Butler on the Pension Vote.**  
(*Baltimore Sun.*)

Gen. B. Butler, in speaking on the subject of the recent pension votes of the President, expressed his surprise that the majority had not taken the time and trouble required to investigate such cases. He referred to the late relative to pensions of March, 1873, passed when he was in Congress, and which gave ample power to stop payment of pensions to any pensioner who was found to be a fraud.

quently found to be fraudulent. The clause referred to is in Section 4729 of the Revised Statutes. The President in all probability was not aware of its existence, and it is not known that it has ever been availed of. It is so far from being a common mode of obtaining money upon satisfactory evidence that fraud was perpetrated in obtaining such special act, suspension therefrom, that it is not probable that payment thereupon until the propriety of repelling the same can be considered by Congress."

Fair Dispute.

[*Unsubstantiated Alibi*, *Moroney*.]

Dr. Shepley told a good story of his Irishman and his wife who lived in both remote towns. As they travelled in a place remote from the drug stores he left some quinine with them, and told the man to mix it with whiskey and both of them to drink it. As it did not do good the wife said, "I'll be took in," and he took her to the doctor, who told him of his going to disrepute. The man replied that

he did, but he took the whisky and gave it to the quinine.

A Soldier's Badge.

Norwell Ryland, Box 314, Richmond, recently purchased from a negro a badge, the shape on which is inscribed: "Capt. N. Goodenow, Stoneman's staff, war of 1861." The badge is silver with two crossed sabres and gold. Mr. Ryland has written Gov. Stoneman, of California, in regard to this matter and has received a reply from the Governor that he remembers Capt. Goodenow as one of his staff, but has never seen heard from him since the close of the war. Comrade Goodenow was at one time a Lieutenant in Battery A, Ill. Art. Mr. Ryland would be happy to restore the badge to him or any of his family.

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